

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Without food or strong drink but far from speechless, the twelve representatives who composed the democratic steering committee labored for four weary hours in the minority caucus room of the capitol on Friday afternoon endeavoring to bring order out of chaos, but without result. With all the secrecy of a high degree Mason, Representative Richardson, chairman of the committee on resolutions appointed by the democratic house caucus, had "passed the word" to his colleagues that a meeting would be held promptly at noon and while Mr. Underwood of Alabama entertained the newspaper men with one of his inimitable stories in the house lobby, his eleven confederates gained the minority room by devious paths. So great was the attempt at secrecy that ten minutes before noon some of the committee denied all knowledge of the meeting. However, no sooner had Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order than the cacophonous oratory, so characteristic of a democratic "love feast," penetrated to the afternoon chamber of the capitol and a corps of correspondents thronged the corridor while ever and anon some outburst of democratic wisdom would thunder through the mahogany doors and be eagerly recorded by the representatives of the press. Free silver, reciprocity with Cuba, Transmanianism and the Philippine tariff bill all contributed their share to the interest of the discussion, and the ascription which predominated the original caucus was not lacking. Just as the sound moving picture promised to overwhelm the Texas Bryanites Mr. Henry cast a bomb into the caucus in the shape of a resolution declaring that no democratic caucus had the power to overthrow a national platform. Immediately Representative Ball moved to substitute the Chicago platform for the McClellan resolution and again the merry war waged fast and furious.

Finally a resolution was introduced binding the committee to report that in its judgment all resolutions should be laid on the table, it being argued that they would be non-debatable and, therefore, a caucus at least superficially harmonious might be held but sufficient votes could not be obtained to carry it and Representative Robertson again started the ball rolling by a resolution binding the minority to oppose all reciprocity with Cuba. Worn out with their labors the committee then adjourned every member having been pledged by Mr. Richardson, who imagines himself a modern Richelieu, to the most absolute secrecy. Another meeting will be held but in the meantime Mr. Richardson will work with the members individually to secure harmony.

Out of courtesy to the democratic members of the Philippines committee Senator Lodge did not submit the report of that committee on the Philippine tariff bill last Thursday as he had intended but will probably do so tomorrow. Speaking on the subject last week the senator told me that he believed the recommendation of a 25 per cent reduction of the Dingley rates would meet with the approval of the senate and that there would be but little trouble in securing the passage of the bill as amended. Senator Mitchell said yesterday that he was more than ever determined to stand out for the 50 per cent reduction embodied in his amendment as the business men on the Pacific coast believe that such a reduction is essential to their interests.

A member of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals said Saturday: "The canal question is decidedly up in the air. It is impossible at this time to predict how it will end but I begin to fear that there will be no definite canal legislation this year. The Walker commission is again in session and while nothing definite is known it is said that the commission will recommend the Panama route. That would necessarily delay legislation very seriously. Senator Morgan had an unsatisfactory interview with the president on Thursday. The senator is firmly convinced that the Nicaragua route is by far the better but Mr. Roosevelt does not seem to be convinced and opposes nothing with what he calls precipitation. Senator Hanna seems to have some leanings in favor of the Darien route and that, if true, means a new obstacle to contend with."

The best sugar men determined on a new move recently and decided to go to headquarters, as they expressed it, in order to prevent any reciprocal arrangement with Cuba. Accordingly they called at the White House and had a conference with the president. They supposed that they could bring sufficient influence upon him to induce him to change his views, but they found him very strongly entrenched in his opinion and a very difficult man to change. They were confronted by a letter from Mr. John D. Spreckels of California in which he said that the best sugar interest already had more consideration than it deserved and Mr. Spreckels' letter seemed to have more weight than their arguments.

The campaign of the best sugar men in the house is producing results more favorable, however, as they have led some of the members to believe that a vote for Cuban reciprocity will lose them their seats. The lobby is also engaged and with some success it is feared in stirring up an animosity between the house and the senate. There are some members and senators who actually believe that the industry will be severely injured by a grant of 25 per cent reduction to Cuba but on the other hand they say that if the administration is correct and Cuban prosperity depends on the concession it had better be granted because otherwise the United States will be obliged to step in to preserve order in Cuba and that will mean annexation and free trade with the island.

Senator Mason told me yesterday that he was considerably annoyed by the report that he was opposed to rural free delivery and that he intended some day this week to ask for a hearing in the senate on the ground of personal privilege when he would set himself straight in the matter. He said: "On the contrary I am in favor of rural free delivery, have been in favor of it for years and have only recently been in consultation with the postmaster general with a view to securing a larger appropriation this year as I hope to see the service extended throughout the country."

Real Estate Transfers.
Frank Koch and wife to W. H. Reed, 25 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$50.
Commissioners of Pike to Charles A. Freis, 198 acres, Lehman. Consideration \$12.

Olivia B. Armstrong and husband to W. T. Struble, upper mill property in Milford. Consideration \$4750.
William Evely and wife to Laura B. Baundville, two lots in Shohola. Consideration \$1250.
Margaretha Buser to Dorothea and Hildegard Buser, 25 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration, love and affection.

Albert T. Porter and wife to Alice Salisbury, lots Nos. 87 and 89, Matamoras. Consideration \$1000.
Anna Schranz and others to Christina Muller, lots Nos. 39, 15, 14, 16, 71, 72, Matamoras, 20 acres, Westfall. Consideration \$1.
James T. Maxwell, attorney for heirs of John Maxwell, dec'd, timber sale, lands in Blooming Grove and Palmyra.

Caroline L. Peterson, guardian William G. Cortright, nine-tenths acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$200.
Eleanor Quinn and others to Theodore Boser, 37 acres, Dingman. Consideration \$125.
Potato Crop Short of Demand.

Statistics compiled by the bureau of agriculture show that the production of potatoes in this country is not equal to the demand. For the past ten years the average annual production amounted to a little over 311,000,000 bushels while the average annual consumption was over 315,000,000 bushels. Imports have been slightly in excess of exports. The crop of 1901 was about 20 per cent larger than the one of 1900.
All druggists and general stores in Pike county guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for all coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. — 3-28.

PERSONALS

James M. Bensley of Lehman was a visitor in Milford yesterday.
Harry, a son of Nathan Emery, Jr., is now located at Laredo, Tex.
Miss Ethel Noyes entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening.

Postmaster Charles Lattimore was somewhat indisposed a couple of days this week.
Frank F. Seltz and wife, who have been visiting in New York, returned home this week.
George Wheeler, who has been staying in town several days, has returned to New York.

John W. Kilgaly of Dingman's Ferry went to New York yesterday for a visit of several weeks with relatives.
William Dowitt and wife of Branchville, N. J., visited with the family of H. B. Wells a few days this week. Mr. Dowitt is a brother-in-law of Mr. Wells.

Peter B. Pickell, the author of "Charity Buns," is with his wife visiting in town. While here, it is said, he will complete his latest story, "Restitution."
Miss Ann Baker left this week with her two cousins from Philadelphia, who have been visiting relative here for several days, for a visit of some weeks at White Plains and other places.

Hy. T. Baker, Esq., accompanied by his son, Theodore, and Frank W. Cross, went to Scranton Monday, where Mr. Baker was engaged as attorney for Hazen in the Park case before the Superior court.
District Deputy Grand Master Halmar of Honesdale paid a fraternal visit to Milford Lodge No. 344, F. & A. M. Wednesday evening and exemplified the third degree work in a very satisfactory manner.

Smallpox Preventive.
An old prescription which is said to have been used by a Paris physician many years ago, it is alleged will prevent smallpox and all other contagious diseases. It is this: One grain solid extract digitalis, one grain sulphate of zinc, one-half teaspoonful of sugar, four ounces of water. Dissolve the digitalis and the zinc separately then compound the prescription.
The dose for an adult is one teaspoonful every hour for twelve consecutive hours; for an infant ten drops for the same time, and for children half a teaspoonful.

Unclaimed Letters.
Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 25, 1902:
Elizabeth Curry, Mrs. Leslie Baker, Marcus Degroat, D. W. Alsup, Alvin E. Carratan, W. W. Pullen.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.
Good Advice.
Boswell asked Johnson if suicide was justifiable by a man who had been guilty of a great crime which he was sure would be found out. "No," replied the doctor, "I would advise such a man to go to some country where he is not known and not to the devil, where he is known." — The Book World.

Wanted!
Reliable man for manager of branch office we wish to open in this vicinity. Here is a good opening for the right man. Kindly give good reference when writing. The A. T. Morris Wholesale House, Cincinnati, Ohio. Illustrated catalogue 4 cents stamps.
"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pain in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail." says James Prundergast, merchant, Annapolis Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pain in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly ward offed by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to lead toward pneumonia. For sale by all druggists and general stores in Pike county.

Chase & Sanborn's Old Homestead Java coffee at Armstrong & Co.

NOMINATED FOR OFFICES.

Men Who Will Work to Serve Their Constituents.
At the borough caucus held last Saturday evening the following ticket was nominated:
DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—A. Q. Wallace.
Inspector—Fred Beck.
Town council—Hy. T. Baker, Geo. R. Quick, Warren F. Chol.
Justice of the peace—William Courtwright.
Overseer of poor—J. C. Chamberlain.
Auditing—Chauncey Watson.
Constable—George Smith.
High constable—L. B. Hissam.
School directors Independent district—B. E. Brown, Dan Gregory.
Auditor—Chas. G. Wood.

Dingman.
DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—Alex. Gavollic.
Inspector—Frank F. Seltz.
Constable—H. T. Quick.
Overseer of poor—G. J. Gephart.
Clerk—J. E. Olmsted.
Auditor—Chas. B. Hodge.
School directors—E. G. Bollfotat, Frank Quinn.
Supervisors—Charles Quinn, Ira Travis, L. Stanton, Wy. Helms.
Justice of the peace—J. A. Fisher.

Delaware.
REPUBLICAN.
Judge of election—John Cron.
Inspector—Lafayette Howey.
Constable—Levi Howell.
Supervisor—William H. Benson.
School director—J. B. Shoemaker.
Overseer of poor—Theo. Howey.
Town Clerk—Martin Hatton.

DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—A. L. Albright.
Inspector—Charles Boster.
Constable—C. S. Person.
Supervisors—J. G. Hoed, A. C. Cron, John Schreiber, John D. Haaga.
School directors—W. J. Hanna, Robinson Shepherd.
Auditor—J. D. Whitaker.
Justice of peace—H. L. Briscoe.
Clerk—G. W. Hatt.
Overseer of poor—D. Gunn, 2 yrs. D. C. Criss, 1 yr.

Trustees Delaware academy—J. B. Westbrook, G. C. Cronie, Warren Van Gorden.
Lehman.
DEMOCRATIC.
Justice of peace—W. H. Stoddart, G. W. Chamberlain.
Constable—W. S. Van Anken.
School directors—W. H. Stoddart, J. L. John, J. E. Nye, 3 yrs.
Supervisors—E. R. Schoonover, Frank Courtwright, D. V. Brodhead, George W. Litta.
Overseer of poor—John Litta, 2 yrs. J. E. R. Schoonover, 1 yr.
Auditor—Moses Briscoe.
Clerk—F. L. Layton.
Judge of election—G. N. Smith.
Inspector—Charles Quick.

Shohola.
DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—Henry Worzel.
Inspector—John J. Haas.
Constable—George Burgard.
Supervisors—George P. Haas, G. J. Englehart.
School directors—Otto Zoellner, William Williams.
Overseer of poor—Ed. Shadler.
Auditor—Peter Eckhart.
Justice of peace—Frank Keller.
Clerk—Frank Keller.

Milford Twp.
DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—J. C. Boll.
Inspector—John McCarty.
Constable—C. Hermann.
Auditor—George M. Quick.
Supervisors—George R. Boser, Henry McCarty.
Overseer of poor—Geo. R. Boser, John G. Maier.
Clerk—D. B. Olmsted.

Lackawaxen.
DEMOCRATIC.
Judge of election—James Grady.
Inspector—George Williams.
Constable—Ross Rosenerans.
Supervisors—Joseph Dodan, Albert Griggs, Philip Krause, W. P. Kirkham, John Brinkman.
School directors—A. G. Rowland, L. Beckelman, Henry Dewitt.
Auditor—Henry Dewitt.
Overseer of poor—W. B. Smith.
Justice of peace—Henry Dewitt.
Clerk—H. Dewitt.

In Girdles the Globe.
The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends round the earth. It's the one tried healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Blisters, Ulcers, Felons, Aches, Pains and all Skin Eruptions. Only infallible Pile cure. 25c a box at all druggists.

BRIEF MENTION.

Van Etten Bros. have a gas engine running a plow on Mott street.
Keep in mind the colonial tea in the Presbyterian church parlors Thursday evening, January 30th.
The recent rains caused very destructive floods in the southern part of this state. West there were blizzards.

The United States will probably soon own the Danish West Indies. The treaty for the purchase will be signed at Washington this week.
The Erie railroad is having considerable trouble with its bridge across the Neverstank at Tr States. The recent frost carried away several bents.

At a meeting of directors of the First National Bank of Milford held Tuesday A. D. Brown was elected president, C. O. Armstrong vice president, and R. W. Rold cashier.
Remember the farmer's institute at Milford Monday, Jan. 27, and at Dingman's Ferry Tuesday, Jan. 28. Good speakers will attend and have addresses well worth hearing.

The Hall murder trial cost Wayne county directly \$1,901.29 besides incidentals which cannot be estimated and a constable-detective has also presented a bill for \$1,000 for services.
Judge Ermentrout in Berks county has refused to naturalize several applicants because they could not read and write English and hereafter that will be the rule of that court.

There will likely be a trolley line soon to Stroudsburg via Water Gap. A contract has been let for a line from East Bangor to Portland in Northampton county, where a connection will be made with a line to be built through the Gap.
During the past year there have been recorded in this county 292 deeds, 102 mortgages, 87 judgments entered, 21 writs issued, letters testamentary granted 20 and letters of administration 20, 5 mechanics' liens, 4 appeals and 1 amicable action.

The Delaware Valley railroad ran its first train to Bushkill last Saturday afternoon, Jan. 18, the bridge over the creek having been completed that morning. The depot will be near the post office. In the early spring we hope to chronicle that the road will be built to Milford.
Ninety cases of smallpox have developed at Hackettstown and four deaths from the disease have occurred. A new pesthouse is being erected and every precaution taken to check and confine its ravages. The courts of Warren county have been postponed until Feb. 19 through fear of its spread.

David A. Carleton, an old resident of Greens, died at his home near LaAnna January 15 aged about seventy-seven years. He was born and has always resided in that township. Four sons and one daughter survive. The funeral occurred Jan. 17, and interment in South Sterling cemetery.

Democratic Slate.
The democrats seem to have arranged their county ticket for next fall, and if no one has sprung up his sleeve the slate may remain as fixed. The talk is that present County Treasurer Harland will control the congressional conference. Senator F. Terwilliger will handle the senatorial conference, though it is conceded that Carbon county will have the senator, Geo. A. Swepencer is announced as out for county treasurer and it is probable that under the rule recognizing the two term principle Hon. J. B. Westbrook will be unopposed for representative, but as the rule is not altogether straight there may be opposition to some of the present county commissioners. The county auditors in view of their record breaking efforts will ask the reward of a reelection, and so everything now seems set. May nothing outwarrant the sweet dreams of the manipulators of the wires. Let the birds softly duck their heads for the fowler's net. A word to the hand that would drop a blotch on the one green spot.

A Cure for Lumbago.
W. C. Williamson of Amburst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do." Sold by all druggists and general stores in Pike county.

OBITUARY

HON. WILLIAM HUSTING JESUP.
Mr. Jesup, the well known lawyer, died suddenly at Scranton Thursday morning, Jan. 16, of heart failure. He had been in his usual good health and the previous day was engaged in the courts. He was seized with a severe coughing spell and in less than five minutes he died. Judge Jesup was born in Montrose, Susquehanna county, January 29, 1830, graduated at Yale college in 1851, was admitted to the bar in 1851 and immediately began a practice which became highly successful. He engaged in politics, was a delegate to the convention which nominated Grant in 1868 and a delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the convention which nominated Blaine in 1874. Though not entering the army he was appointed Major of the 28th Regt. Vol. Militia and in 1871 was commissioned by Governor Greary Major General 10th Division N. G. Pa. He was also collector of internal revenue for a term. In August, 1877, he was appointed president judge of the 94th judicial district to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Judge Streeter and served until 1879. In 1885 he opened an office in Scranton and became one of the leading lawyers at that bar.

The passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act in 1854, which forced a coalition of all who opposed the extension of slavery in the territories, revived the republican party and Mr. Jesup identified himself with that organization and was all his life an earnest and uncompromising advocate of its principles. As a lawyer he was deeply read, indefatigable in the preparation of his cases, quick to comprehend the principles involved, tenacious of every point, subtle and acute in reasoning, clear and cogent in presentation to the court and forceful and eloquent in delivering his addresses to the jury. His manner was urbane and pleasant and always courteous to his opponent. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian church and took great interest in its affairs. His father was for many years president judge of the courts here, and two brothers are now missionaries, Henry H. at Beirut and Samuel at Sidon, Syria. Judge Jesup is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son, who was his law partner.

NATHAN HOUCK.
Nathan Houck, a long time resident of Greene township, died at his home at LaAnna Saturday morning, Jan. 18, after a protracted illness. He was born in Boyertown, Berks county, March 24, 1818, where he lived until 1847, when he removed to Monroe county and in 1855 came to Pike and began the lumbering and manufacturing business, which he has since successfully pursued.

In 1841 he married LaAnna Deltz, who died recently. He is survived by two sons, John D. and Charles, both residing at LaAnna, and four daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Fletcher Gilpin, Amanda, wife of Emory Gilpin, Emma, wife of B. F. Nicholson, and Carrie, wife of Dr. Arthur Sigons. The funeral was held Wednesday and interment in South Sterling cemetery.

Hatchet Society Meeting.
At a meeting of the Hatchet society held in the Presbyterian church parlors Tuesday evening it was resolved to have the men's annual supper Friday evening, Feb. 21. There will be an adjourned meeting at the same place Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, to complete arrangements, at which time a full attendance is especially desired.

One on the Doctors.
"I think," said Mr. Dooley, "that if the Christian Scientists had some science and the doctors more Christianity, it wouldn't make any difference which ye called in—if ye had a good nurse!"

Thousands Sent Into Exile.
Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will cure you at home. It's the most infallible medicine for Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung troubles on earth. The first dose brings relief. Astonishing cures result from persistent use. Trial bottles free at all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

Blown to Atoms.
The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system, absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at all druggists.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Another young flood struck us Tuesday night. It made it very unpleasant for some and put us gath'ers out of business for the present.
George Slawson is able to be out again.
Mrs. Wm. Boyd is confined to her room with a heavy cold.

Anything not worth asking for is not worth having.
Is there going to be a three-cornered fight for the office of high constable of Milford?
James Vannoy of Montague, who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid fever and whose life was despaired of, is reported slowly improving under the treatment of Dr. H. E. Emerson of this town.

Randolph Travis, Montague's noted hunter and dog trainer, who gained notoriety in being defendant in several trespass suits tried at Hainesville lately, made a business trip to Trenton, N. J., last week.
Mrs. Mary Pollon is on the sick list.

How many took involuntary tumblers Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning?
The Liars' club at their last session were inclined to go into statistics. They did not attempt to count all the booblers in town, but those who claimed to know figured that there are sixty-five widows residing in Milford.

Tuesday evening's Gazette contains a report regarding smallpox in Port Jervis with the request: "Milford papers please copy."
There is a rumor afloat that one of our enterprising business men expects to start a peach basket factory here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wolf have left our borough and taken up their residence at Lake Ariel, Pa.
Attempted Suicide.
Last Saturday evening Henry Leide, who resides in Dingman township, after spending the day in town where he passed his time concealing her inside his anatomy, returned home and attempted suicide by swallowing a large dose of strychnine. He had remarked to his sister that he would be dead before midnight and she in some way obtained possession of the bottle containing the remainder of the poison and threw it in the fire. Medical aid was summoned and antidotes administered and these, in conjunction with the beer he had consumed, operated so counteract the effects of the drug that his life was saved.

All May Contribute.
The aim of the McKinley National Memorial Association is to make the proposed memorial a free-will offering of the people, and an organization has been perfected which gives every opportunity to every man, woman or child to contribute.
There is but one national movement for a memorial of William McKinley. The organization of its work is in charge of the McKinley National Memorial Association, made up of the personal friends of the late president.

Sunday Laws.
Judge Endlich in the common pleas of Berks county has decided that in the interpretation and enforcement of the Sunday laws of 1794 the question whether a given act is a work of necessity does not depend upon conditions and situations as they existed in 1794 or fifty or thirty-five years ago, but upon conditions as they exist at the present time. Hence the running of street cars on Sunday in a large city and its suburbs is a necessity, and is not a violation of the Sunday law of 1794.

Stands For Right Living.
William Keckley's character was marked not only by wise statesmanship, but by a virtuous and Christian life: the life and death of President Lincoln will stand a perpetual incentive to right living for all of the Republic.